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Decisions

Decision 25/I

Bearing in mind that, as at 20 July 2001, 168 States have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and that 23 States parties have ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention and taking into account that there are a significant number of reports of States parties awaiting consideration and that the Committee is concerned that the information contained therein will become obsolete, the Committee requests that the General Assembly:

(a) Approve on an exceptional basis, a session of three weeks' duration consisting of thirty meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in August 2002, to be used entirely for the consideration of the reports of the States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports.

(b) Approve an enlargement of the pre-session working group scheduled to meet from 4 to 8 February 2002 in order to prepare issues and questions relating to reports to be considered at the exceptional session of the Committee in August 2002.

Decision 25/II

Recalling its decision 22/IV, the Committee decided that, in drawing up the list of issues and questions with regard to periodic reports, the pre-session working group should normally formulate a short list of issues and questions, focusing on themes addressed by the Convention.

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Decision 25/III

The Committee decided to adopt a statement to be forwarded to the special session of the General Assembly on Children. It also decided, subject to the availability of resources, to nominate one member to participate in the special session on its behalf.

Suggestion 25/1

The Committee suggests that the Division for the Advancement of Women establish a confidential electronic database in order to register communications submitted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention similar to that established by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. It suggests that steps be taken to ensure an information flow between the proposed database of the Division and the existing database of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee requests the Division to report on progress made in this regard at its twenty-sixth session in January/February 2002.